

Appl. No.: 10/611,833
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Reply to Office Action of August 1, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 4, 7-9, 16-21, 31, 34-70, and new claims 71-73 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Applicant

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging that claims 18, 19, 31, and 66-70 are allowed, and for pointing out that claims 8, 9, 16, 17, 20, 21, 35-57, and 62-64 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. A terminal disclaimer has been submitted herewith to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. New claims 71-73 have been added. No new matter has been added by these additions.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 4, 7, 34, 58, and 59 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,632,147. A terminal disclaimer has been submitted herewith to overcome this rejection. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

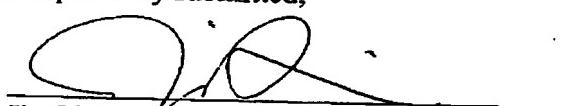
Conclusion

Based on the remarks set forth above, Applicants believe that all of the rejections have been overcome and the claims of the subject application are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any further concerns or believe that a discussion with the Applicants' agent would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the agent at the number below.

A fee of \$130 for the submission of the terminal disclaimer is believed to be due. Please charge this and other required fees to Acushnet Company Deposit Account No. 502309.

Respectfully submitted,

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